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EDITORIALS

POSTPONE DEDICATION

The famous McLean House here has been rebuilt by the National Park Service and will shortly be ready for refurnishing. Just when it can be opened to the public is not definitely known. It had been hoped that a formal dedication of the handsome Brick Surrender House could be held on April 9th, anniversary date of the signing of peace there in 1865. It now appears that this is not practical, and we concur in the judgment that it is better to postpone the dedication.

Tourists in large number are already coming to Appomattox. We must have something for them to see and we must have facilities for making their stay pleasant so they will become conveyors of an invitation to others to come. Considerable planning will have to be done; there is much work ahead. It is wise to do the job well.

There is not enough time between now and April 9, 1949, to prepare the building and grounds, and the program for an adequate dedication. But April 9, 1950 will creep up on us unless we utilize the intervening weeks to the fullest advantage. We have a wonderful shrine of peace here at Appomattox. We will be derelict in our opportunity if we do not encourage fellow Americans to visit us and it.

Further, we should press upon the National Park Service and the Congress the expediency of hastening completion of the restoration. Rebuilding of the McLean House is a beginning, not an end.

Nothing is closer to the heart of the publisher of this newspaper than the complete restoration of the entire Peace Area at Old Appomattox.

1949 WEATHER

The winter of 1949 will be recorded as one of the most unusual in the books. Here in the South Atlantic States, we have had an exceedingly mild winter. Yet in the Western States King Winter has reigned with extreme severity.

We live in an age when man has grown to live by weather charts. We depend on accurate weather prediction. When weather is irregular we are thrown off course. In the olden times we were prone to take whatever was served up. Weather can be predicted but not controlled. Man is frequently at the mercy of the elements.

What Other Editors Say:

BERLIN'S MILLIONETH TON

(New York Times)

The Berlin Airlift achieved its millionth ton on Friday, in a little less than eight months of operation, when a British plane landed at Gatow Airport. Visibility at the time was a quarter of a mile. Skill and courage as well as hard work on the part of our own and allied flyers have gone into this tremendous enterprise. More than two million people who might otherwise have been starved and frozen into submission to Russian tyranny have been the beneficiaries. Men have died that food and fuel might go through and, in Secretary Acheson's words, to give "encouragement to the efforts of the democratic peoples of Europe to resist the use of lawless force."

This has been a military project, made necessary by an unscrupulous political maneuver, but primarily it has been humanitarian. If the western sectors of Berlin had been cut off by a natural catastrophe, relief would have come from the West, at all costs and risks, just as it has done. The Airlift is democracy trying by peaceful means to save bodies and souls of human beings. This is its power —and glory.

MEN FROM MARS AGAIN

(Winchester Star)

Men from Mars, after a decade of inactivity, landed full strength near Quito, Ecuador. The city of 175,000 people was thrown into a turmoil when Radio Quito interrupted a musical program to announce that the enemy had landed at nearby Cotocallao and was approaching the city, wiping out towns and slaying as he came.

People streamed out of their houses and headed for the hills. It was at this time the directors of the radio station went on the air to explain that the whole thing was fictional. This revelation inflamed volitile latin tempers. A mob immediately stormed the office building housing the radio station and the city's principal newspaper and set fire to it.

For a brief period mob violence took over the city. The police force had rushed to Cotocallao to engage the invaders When the smoke lifted and a semblance of order was restored it was found that 15 persons had perished and many more were seriously injured. The radio station was a total loss.

The program was similar to the Orson Welles broadcast of October 1938, when the Martians supposedly landed in New Jersey. Protests following in the wake of the Welles show were, fortunately, strictly on the vocal side. The exposure of people of this country to radio has been of longer duration than that of the people of Quito. Perhaps there has been built up over the years an immunity of sorts, although there are times when it seems we in the United States have a greater provocation for direct action.

HOSE

(Greensboro News)

Hose are the feminine of socks, although the latter do at times become half hose or are neuterized during a brief period when they're called bobby and go to teen-agers' anklets.

Hose get along all right until somebody puts her foot into their lives and shapes their destiny from then on. Although hose come in pairs, they go out singly or in a reunity if they meet their match in the discard of other mismates.

But if we're going into the woes brought on by hose that ought to be a running story. Runs in hose are aimless, although they're generally up and down. When or where a run will start, nobody knows, but you can figure on it occurring at a most embarrassing time and spot, where you couldn't do anything about it even if you had a spare hose. If hose must run, it would certainly help if they had their accidents on the take-off or at least during the home stretch.

Transit strike comes to end in Philadelphia.

Navy stages maneuvers to plan defense against atomic attack.

Plot for revolution is squelched in Bolivia.

Trans-Jordan and Israel swap prisoners.

Norway to join defense talks.

Forty-three are killed in French train wreck.

Highway death toll in Virginia passes 100 mark thus far in 1949.

Tobacco exports may exceed the 1948 total.

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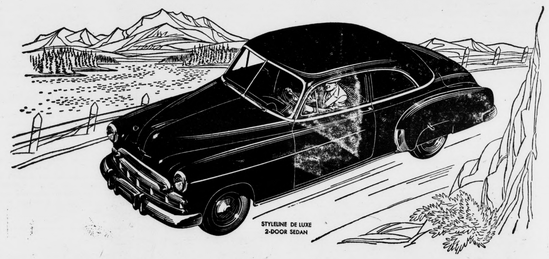

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Richwood

Richwood, Feb. 22.— Services at Wesley Chapel, 3 P. M. Sunday.

Murry Arrington, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arrington.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Holland, of Washington, D. C., were the overnight guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Watt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harvey were in Lynchburg last Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pillow, of Lynchburg visited with Mrs. Lilly Fillow Friday evening.

Alfred Rush and C. M. Rush and daughter, Virginia were in Lynchburg Saturday visiting relatives.

Linwood Love spent the week-end in Raleigh, N. C., with friends.

Sharpe Moore, of the U. S. Navy, spent several days with his mother, Mrs. John Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Jr., and Mrs. A. B. Hunter Sr., were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

The home of Mrs. Annie Powell, which was occupied by Nathan Powell and family was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

J. L. Lewis visited with Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Pugh Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Clements and son, Wayne Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marsh and children, of Lynchburg were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Sunday.

Little Miss Virginia Rush, who has been sick for the past several days was taken to the doctor for a treatment Monday morning.

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Trinity Road

Trinity Road, Feb. 22.— Here we are back again; hope to go to press this week. Missed it last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cobb and little son, Cotty, of Franklin were week-end guests of the former's aunt, Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, and Mr. Drinkard.

Mrs. G. I. Watt, who has been ill several days, is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Esmond Pugh is sick with flu at this writing.

The body of Winford Rush, killed in action in the Pacific, son of Alfred Rush, will arrive in Appomattox Thursday, and will be buried at the home place on Friday afternoon.

Miss Jean Stratton, of Gladys, visited her home here for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis and children, Betty Jane and John, III, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stratton visited relatives in Richmond Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. Anderson and Mrs. Martin Kraus attended a meeting of the Presbyterian Church at Appomattox last week.

Mrs. Bruce Farley and little daughter, of Blackstone are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Laughon. Mrs. Laughon is on the sick list.

Clayton Drinkard, Jr., of Camp Pickett visited his home here Sunday. Other guests in the same home were Paul Drinkard, of Camp Pickett and Mrs. Drinkard, of Appomattox.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

How's Your Listening Time?

Buck Howell and I were in Balcville last week. Dropped in at Bob's diner where some friends were sitting around talking about whether to sell hogs now or wait.

Buck plunges right into the discussion. He's lecturing away when suddenly they all stand up and start stomping their feet like it was an Indian war dance.

I'm flabbergasted. But Buck only looked sheepish and explains, "Guess I was talking again, when I should of been listening. When a person's talking time gets out of line with his listening time around here, the gang reminds him by standing up and stomping."

From where I sit, that's a good system. Everyone has a right to his opinions—but others have a right to theirs, too—whether it's deciding between to sell or not to sell, apple pie or cherry pie, or a glass of mellow beer or cider. Life's more interesting that way, and hang it if you don't sometimes learn something!

Joe Marsh

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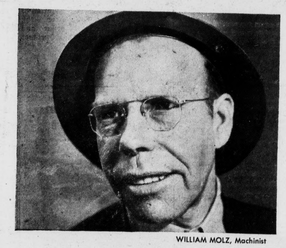

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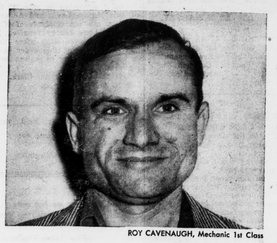

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